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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Western Sahara (S/2003/1016)

Other matters

Morning[1] . . . . . 4849th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

   Letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/879)

   Letter dated 3 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/946)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5254, as from Friday, 24 October 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10.30 a.m. . . . . . 43rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/58/L.5) [60]
2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1) [59]: *joint debate*

3 p.m. . . . . 44th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

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2. High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development: draft decision (A/58/L.6) . . . . . [104 (b)]

Open-ended panel of the General Assembly on commodities

3–5 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3

Chair: H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte
President of the General Assembly

Panellists: Independent eminent persons:

H.E. Mr. Jorio Dauster
Mr. Roman Grynberg
Dr. Irfanul Haque
Mr. Martin Khor
H.E. Mr. Mandé Sidibé

[Accredited non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.]

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items 62 to 80:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 62* (A/58/202, A/C.1/58/L.32); *item 63* (A/58/128, A/C.1/58/L.48); *item 64* (A/58/29, A/C.1/58/L.24); *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 66* (A/C.1/58/L.6); *item 67* (A/C.1/58/L.30); *item* 68 (A/C.1/58/L.3); *item 69* (A/58/373, A/C.1/58/L.33); *item 70* (A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.22); *item 71* (A/C.1/58/L.8); *item 72* (A/C.1/58/L.44); *item 73* (A/58/117 and A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2,

A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176 and A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.2, A/C.1/58/L.4, A/C.1/58/L.9, A/C.1/58/L.10, A/C.1/58/L.12, A/C.1/58/L.14, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.16, A/C.1/58/L.17, A/C.1/58/L.18, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.29, A/C.1/58/L.31, A/C.1/58/L.34, A/C.1/58/L.35, A/C.1/58/L.38, A/C.1/58/L.39, A/C.1/58/L.40, A/C.1/58/L.41, A/C.1/58/L.43, A/C.1/58/L.45, A/C.1/58/L.46, A/C.1/58/L.47, A/C.1/58/L.49, A/C.1/58/L.51, A/C.1/58/L.53); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.7, A/C.1/58/L.13, A/C.1/58/L.21, A/C.1/58/L.28, A/C.1/58/L.36, A/C.1/58/L.54, A/C.1/58/L.55, A/C.1/58/L.57); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259; A/58/316, A/C.1/58/L.5, A/C.1/58/L.20); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23); *item 77* (A/58/163, A/C.1/58/L.50); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2, A/C.1/58/L.42); *item 79* (A/58/385, A/C.1/58/L.52); and *item 80* (A/C.1/58/L.37) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1 and A/C.1/58/INF.2)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m . . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information (A/58/21, A/58/175, A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 23, and A/58/90, annex) . . . . . [86]

Second Committee

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Training and research . . . . . [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/58/183)

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy (A/58/305)

Introduction and general discussion

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [93]

(b) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [94]

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development . [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/58/3, A/58/18, A/58/80-E/2003/71 and A/58/313)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/58/324 and A/58/331)

Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115 and A/58/180) . . . . . [116]

Introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination to address the Committee

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m. . . . . 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

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Continuation of general discussion

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10) . . . . . [152]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
2. Executive session: United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)
3. Executive session: Repertory Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Second Committee

Panel discussion on "Partnerships"

There will be a panel discussion on "Partnerships", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Information and communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force and Chairman and CEO of TAGO; Mr. Robert Coultas, Representative of Rotary International to the United Nations; Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Head, Global Compact Office; Mr. Amir Dossal, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP); and Ms. Ann Kerr, Chief, Programme Coordination, Major Groups and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the Web site of the Economic and Social Council (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc). For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Second Committee
Third Committee

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second and Third Committees delegates will be made by Mr. Juan Somavía, Director-General of the International Labour Organization, on the social dimensions of globalization, on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee, and a representative of the Chairman of the Third Committee. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the Web site of the Economic and Social Council (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc).

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

Informal informals

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal informals on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C, on item 13 (i) (United Nations Forum on Forest (date of the meeting of the ad hoc expert group on consideration, with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to participate, including those already inscribed, in any of eight ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables.

Inscriptions by institutional and non-institutional stakeholders

Each round table will also include the following accredited participants: 5 representatives of observers in the General Assembly, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations other than observers; 3 representatives of civil society; and 3 representatives of the private sector. Their distribution in the round tables will follow the practice used in the International Conference on Financing for Development. For information and inscriptions, please contact the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Other meetings

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Monday, 27 October 2003

Group of 77 *(on agenda items 93 (a) and (c) and 97 (b))*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on environment and sustainable development issues)*

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(on financing for development; and macroeconomic policy issues)*

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

[1] Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Third Committee.

Informal consultations on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (agenda item 43) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Greece)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Arab Group *(on First Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the promotion in the OSCE region of the United Nations plan of action on the illicit traffic in small arms and weapons (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Missions of France and the Netherlands)

3.15–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal meeting on a draft resolution entitled "The girl child" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on policies and programmes involving youth (Third Committee) (agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Portugal and Senegal)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas" (agenda item 110) (A/C.3/58/L.21) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations

The Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will open the meeting with the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. All members of the United Nations community are invited to attend as observers. For further information, including the complete programme and list of speakers, please contact Mr. Alessandro Motter, Permanent Observer Office of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail am@mail.ipu.org).

Policy dialogue on "Global Governance Reform"

A policy dialogue on "Global Governance Reform", sponsored by the NGO International Facilitating Group on Financing for Development, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Meeting of Legal Advisers

There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers on Monday, 27 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 27 October 2003

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. . . . . Mr. Sergio Paez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (on the Annual Parliamentary Hearing)

12.45 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muños (Chile), Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 10th meeting on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia; and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers will be open as of Friday, 24 October 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held as follows: Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Wednesday, 29 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; Thursday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3; and Friday, 31 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on all issues before the 51st meeting of the resumed substantive session of the Council.

Resumed substantive session 2003

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 51st meeting on Friday, 31 October 2003, in the afternoon[1], in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[2]) [1]

   Elections (postponed elections)[3]:

   Commission on Science and Technology for Development

   Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

   United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

   Committee for the United Nations Population Award

   Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

   Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

   International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[2] . . . . . [10]

3. Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

   (h) International cooperation in tax matters

   (i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

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[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

[2] To be issued.

[3] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722).

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal hearings of civil society and the business sector on financing for development

In preparation for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (29-30 October 2003), there will be informal hearings of civil society and the business sector, chaired by H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte (Saint Lucia), President of the fifty-eight session of the General Assembly. The hearings of civil society will take place on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The hearings of the business sector will be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information and provisional programmes of both hearings are available on the Financing for Development Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Platz (tel. 1 (212) 963-3664); or Mr. Krishnan Sharma (tel. 1 (212) 963-4451).

Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership

The Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership, organized by the United Nations Office of the High Representative of the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing Countries, will be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will make a presentation on the theme "UNCTAD XI: The Way Forward After Cancún for the Least Developed Countries". Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Eder García (tel. 1 (212) 963-5051; or e-mail ohrlls-unhq@un.org).

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Ms. Mervat Tallawy, will hold a briefing to the Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level), on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Mr. Kim Hak-Su, will hold a briefing on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 112) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 112), organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark, on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference B.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and on Wednesday and Thursday, 29 and 30 October 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing on "The International Financial Structure" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be a briefing on "The International Financial Structure", organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A new study on the international financial structure will be presented by its authors. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Southern African Development Committee (SADC) ***(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)***

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Committee (SADC) ***(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)*** on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey"

A panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey", organized by the United Nations Development Programme and the Centre for Global Development, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hafiz Pasha, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dasa Silovic (tel. 1 (212) 906-5329).

Meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

A meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human Rights (agenda item 117 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, and on Friday, 31 October.

Presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty"

There will be a presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty", organized by the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The report will be presented by Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, and Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained on the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail lehtinen@un.org).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Th United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 4 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 31 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 24 October 2003

Security Council

4848th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan at his request to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Guéhenno.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

First Committee

15h meeting

The Committee concluded its second phase of work, namely, the thematic discussion on item subjects as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 80.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Myanmar (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.47), Algeria, Paraguay, Algeria (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.42), Malaysia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.31), Thailand (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.43), Kenya, Austria, Norway, Pakistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.18), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.12)), Germany, New Zealand, Canada, Indonesia, Russia, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Australia, France, Kenya, Nepal (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.20) and India.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

It was announced that the following countries had joined the sponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/58/L.1: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.8: Solomon Islands, Viet Nam; A/C.1/58/L.12: Ecuador; A/C.1/58/L.15: Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.16: Bosnia and Herzegovina; A/C.1/58/L.17: Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.25: Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.31: Guyana, Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.34: Viet Nam; A/C.1/58/L.35: Ecuador, Georgia; A/C.1/58/L.36: Ecuador; A/C.1/58/L.38: Congo, Ecuador, Viet Nam, Guyana; A/C.1/58/L.39: Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.40: Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.42: Bosnia and Herzegovina; A/C.1/58/L.43: Bahamas, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Grenada, Rwanda, Samoa, Seychelles, Vanuatu; A/C.1/58/L.45: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Timor-Leste; A/C.1/58/L.49: Serbia and Montenegro; A/C.1/58/L.50: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Solomon Islands; A/C.1/58/L.51: Papua New Guinea; A/C.1/58/L.52: Solomon Islands; and A/C.1/58/L.53: Ecuador, Honduras, Nepal.

Second Committee

21st meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions (A/58/131-S/2003/703, A/58/413) . . . . . [91]

(b) Science and Technology for development

(c) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

(d) International financial system and development

(e) External debt crisis and development

(f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Japan, Uganda, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Chile, India, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United States, Ecuador and Nepal.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was informed that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under 91 (b) to (f) was Monday, 27 October, at 6 p.m.

Third Committee

24th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.18

The representative of the Philippines introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti, Peru, Paraguay, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Swaziland and Timor-Leste.

The representative of the Philippines informed the Committee that Burundi was not a co-sponsor.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/L.20

The representative of Iceland introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, the Central African Republic, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Estonia, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Romania, Samoa, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam, Zambia, Papua Suriname and Zimbabwe.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/L.21

The representative of Mongolia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Burkina Faso, China, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Uruguay, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Rights of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [116]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard introductory statements by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and by the Special Rapporteur on Measures to Combat Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue in which the representatives of Italy, Egypt, Canada, Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana, Benin, Pakistan, Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran took part.

The speakers responded to questions raised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Brazil, South Africa (on behalf of SADC) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Fifth Committee

9th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors **[118]**

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced on behalf of the Chairman, draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.7.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . **[119]**

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Outsourcing practices

The representative of South Africa, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.4, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on management audit review of outsourcing in the United Nations funds and programmes

The representative of South Africa, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.5, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on common and joint services of United Nations system organizations at Vienna

The representative of Nigeria, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.6, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . **[120]**

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the revenue-producing activities of the United Nations system

The representative of Canada, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.8, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.3, on behalf of the Chairman.

The representative of Argentina orally corrected the Spanish version of the draft decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations . . . . . [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.9, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates

The representative of South Africa, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.10, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/58/364, A/58/294 and A/57/747) . . . . . [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Switzerland, the United States, South Africa, Japan, Morocco, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Trinidad and Tobago, Sierra Leone and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Tuesday, 28 October, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Collen V. Kelapile (Botswana).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/58/211 and A/58/81) . . . . . [119]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and the United States.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/58/81) would begin on that day, Friday, 24 October, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship Ms. Margaret Stanley (Ireland); and those on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/58/211) would begin on Friday, 31 October, in the morning, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Asdrúbal Pulido León (Venezuela), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa (A/58/154, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Strengthening the United Nations web site (A/58/217 and A/58/7/Add.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, China and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chief of the Common Services Unit of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

Organization of work

The Chairman also made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Germany (24 October 2003)

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention is expected to be adopted on Friday, 31 October 2003, during the the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

It is also expected that the Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

Interactive dialogue (in memory of Sergio Vieira de Mello)

The Permanent Mission of Mali, in cooperation with PDHRE-People's Movement for Human Rights Education and the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, invites members of delegations and Secretariat staff to participate in an interactive dialogue on societal development through human rights education on and learning on "Freedom from want" and "Freedom from fear", to be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Global Security Treaties: Strengthening the Rule of Law." The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States:
China
H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya

Eastern European States:
Lithuania
H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Costa Rica
H.E. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte

Western European and other States:
Spain
H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373
www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373
www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Italian presidency of the European Union:
www.italyun.org
http://europa-eu-un.org

Journal of the United Nations:
www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ar/latesta.pdf
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 24 October 2003.

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	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/102/Add.1	Item 17 (b) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments — Appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/185/Add.1	Item 117 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/269	Item 133 of the provisional agenda — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Budget for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 for the biennium 2004-2005 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/382 — Item 59 — Strengthening of the United Nations system — Review of technical cooperation in the United Nations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/437 — Items 91 (e), 98, 102 and 104 — Macroeconomic policy questions: external debt crisis and development — Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) — Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development — Letter dated 13 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/443
S/2003/1021 — Item 37 — The situation in the Middle East — Letter dated 16 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/445 — Item 40 (c) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster — Letter dated 16 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.4 — Item 29 — Cuba: draft resolution — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.5 — Item 60 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — 120-Power draft resolution — Enhancing capacity-building in global public health [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.6 — Item 104 (b) — Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development: high-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development — Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly — Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1 — Item 73 (e) — General and complete disarmament: convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament — Malaysia: revised draft resolution — Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament [A C E F R S]

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